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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 672
By Turner (Ham)

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Willie L. Robinson
for his outstanding contributions to the children
of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this legislative body should honor those
exemplary individuals whose intense dedication and hard work have had a profound impact on
Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Willie L. Robinson is one such outstanding individual who is most certainly
deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, as an Assistant Director for Treatment Facilities for the Tennessee
Department of Children's Services, Willie L. Robinson has been working with children in state
custody for 27 remarkable years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his meritorious career, Willie L. Robinson has diligently worked
for the best interests of children to ensure those who are less fortunate do not "fall through the
cracks" of the system; and

WHEREAS, one such case is of a young man from Guatemala, an illegal alien, who was
arrested for driving without a license and for giving false information to a police officer; and

WHEREAS, because the young man spoke little English, Willie was asked to assist in
translating and interpreting for him; and

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WHEREAS, as a result, Willie learned that both of the youngster's parents were dead and his elderly grandparents had borrowed thousands of dollars to send him to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the young man was working to support his grandparents, his two brothers and to help his grandparents pay off the loan, and because he could no longer work, no money was being sent to help pay off the loan in Guatemala; and

WHEREAS, after hearing of these heartbreaking circumstances, Willie L. Robinson was determined to work with the system to help; and

WHEREAS, Willie L. Robinson met with the judge to explain the situation and attempted to win the court's approval for the young man's release, and as a result of Mr. Robinson's gallant efforts, he has returned to his job and is living with the same friends he was living with before his commitment to foster care; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this legislative body should pause in its deliberations to honor and commend the sterling efforts of this remarkable gentleman; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Willie L. Robinson for his outstanding contributions to the children of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.